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REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove the multiple dependencies listed therein.

Claims 1-2, 7-9, 11-14, 17-19 and 21-24 are pending in this application. Claims 3-6, 10, 15, 16

and 20 have been canceled.

Conclusion

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action

on the merits is earnestly solicited. Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be

resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Charles

Gorenstein (Reg. No. 29,271) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an

interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies

to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional

fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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